GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:407
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2001
CORRUPTION CASES AGAINST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids conducted by the CBI against several Government officials for commission of crime, viz assets disproportionate to the known sources of income and dereliction of duty during the last three years, rank-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number out of them still under investigation of CBI and other Central investigating agencies;

(c) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has sought the sanction of the Union Government to probe into the allegation of corruption against the highups in the administration;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon;

(e) whether several cases are still pending in various courts for more than a decade;

(f) if so, the year-wise details thereof alongwith reasons therefor; and

(g) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for expeditious disposal of these cases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f)&(g): A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f)&(g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTIOI 407 FOR ANSWER ON 19TH DECEMBER 2001

(a) The figures indicating the number of raids conducted by the CBI against the Government officials during the last three years are set out below:

Year	Raids conducted against Gazetted Officer	Non-Gazetted Officer
1998	101	71
1999	149	81
2000	160	82

(b): Out of 644 searches involving 326 cases during 1998, 1999 and 2000, the investigation has been completed in 258 cases.

(c)&(d):After the judgement of supreme court in 1997 in the case of Vineet Narain Vs. Union of India, no sanction is required from the Government for taking up investigation against public servants including those of the rank of Joint Secretary and above in the Government Department/PSUs.

(e)&(f):1803 cases, as on 31.12.2000, were pending trial in various courts for more than a decade.

The main reasons for delay in trial of cases, inter-alia, include dilatory tactics adopted by the defence, witnesses being won over or turning hostile besides, a long time needed for recording of evidence in view of large number of documents and witnesses.

(g): The Government has set up special courts for exclusive hearing of CBI cases and has also been appointing special counsels in important cases to expedite the disposal of the cases pending for trial.